



# VISITOR

*Our mission: to share the Good News  
of Christ's love - in word and deed!*

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## Coming Down Off the Mountain

Can it really be time for school to start back up? Where did this summer go? I haven't lost nearly the pounds I'd planned, nor finished all my summer projects around the house. I suppose spending much of July at church camps may have something to do with feeling behind, but boy was it worth it!

I grew up going to church camp each summer from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through High School. Each and every year it was the highlight of my summer! I can still recall the talent show skits we did in elementary school ('Beware the viper') and distinctly remember convening with 3 other guys to sing an a capella rendition of 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (trying to impress the girls). Now as a pastor, I get to go to camp every year and call it work. (It really is work, despite the amazing surroundings and great food!)

I spent the second week of July near Woodland Park, Colorado working with Jr. High kids from the Front Range, as well as a few from western Kansas. Each morning I did my devotions while watching the sun illuminate the splendor and majesty of Pike's Peak. The music and worship was amazing and as a group we explored how God is shaping each one of us into active participants in God's kingdom and work.

The next week I spent at Camp WYOBA with High School students. This is the camp of my childhood years, and a place that is still my 'Holy of Holies'. There are places in our lives where we have significant encounters with God, and for me WYOBA is the first place I felt God move in power! I was worried, heading up to WYOBA, that things may have changed, or that the patina of my memories wouldn't be fair to the present reality. I thank God that this 100 acre parcel of land on Casper Mountain is still the little slice of heaven I remember! God worked in amazing ways! 5 kids came forward take ownership of their faith for the first time and 12 others recommitted themselves to following Jesus! It was a profoundly moving week of spiritual growth for all!

Most of the people I grew up going to camp with are still seriously committed to their faith today. I've often wondered what it is about camp that is so profound that even kids who aren't serious about their faith find themselves changed in a way that affects their lives years into the future. Perhaps it is because camp really is a little slice of heaven brought down to this world. I have attended, pastored or counseled at various camps for more than 20 years of my life and while I still can't articulate all that makes camps like WYOBA great, I can state a few things.

Kids experience the beauty of the God's kingdom and creation rather than studying it.

Schools may try and prevent bullying, but camp teaches kids to love and pray for each other.

We are meant to LIVE worship throughout every day, not one morning a week. Camp does this and it is life altering!

Camp brings an awareness that God is with you all the time, not just when you pray.

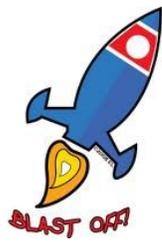
God doesn't care about religion, God desires relationship with you.

You can have Communion with Grape Crush and Nilla Wafers! Baptism can be done with an ice cream bucket and a spring fed creek!

If you have kids, send them to WYOBA. It will change their life. If you don't have school age kids, consider one or both of the following: A) Donate money to WYOBA. They always need more resources because they don't try to make a profit on loving kids. B) Donate your time as a cabin leader, nurse, resource trainer or any other skill you have. I promise that you won't regret taking a week of vacation to invest in the lives of young Christians! I came back after two weeks feeling physically and emotionally tired, but utterly renewed in my spirit! C) Attend a weekend retreat with other Christian adults. Next year WYOBA will have both a men's weekend and an ABW retreat. We'll let you know the dates with plenty of time to ask for work off.

If you would like more information about camp WYOBA, would like to make a donation, or would like to send or sponsor kids, stop by or call the church office and we'll help you designate your giving. May you be blessed by God's love as you bless others this month!

*Pastor Jeff*



**September 7, 2014**

Sunday School Starts at 9:30 am Celebrate Sunday School for all ages!

**EVERYONE MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 9:30 am  
to begin with Praise music with Eric Moorhouse & introductions!**

*Potluck luncheon for everyone at Noon!*



**Friends of Christ** meet on the stage, studying *Seeking a Closer Walk with God*; with Jackie Carter

**JOY Class** in Room 206, Adult Bible class studying, *Sustaining Hope* Judson Press with Bill Carter

**NEW STUDY FOR FALL! . . .**

Coming on September 7: An intergenerational study -- DYNAMITE DEVOTIONALS FROM THE MASTERS -- for anyone ages 17 to 99!! Did you ever think that Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153 AD) had anything to tell you about faith? Or that Julian of Norwich (1343-1413) could teach you something about God's love? Or that Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) had something to teach us about escaping from sin? Come and check out this study! Mary Burman introduces the study September 7 in the Prayer Garden. Study books are available for purchase, but are not necessary. Jeff Lundblad and Eric Moorhouse will also be leaders during the coming year. DON'T MISS THIS! Bring a friend, a college student, a co-worker! September 7 at 9:30 am.



**Child Care** for babies to age 2 in Room 106 with Trudy Moe & Sam Dunbar from 9:30 am—10:45 am; babies to age 4 10:45 am—Noon

**Preschool** for children 3—5 not yet in Kindergarten in Room 109 with team of Brenda Lundblad & Phyllis Dunbar & Karen Steeve

**Discovery Kingdom** for ages 5 (in Kindergarten) - 5th grade in Room 108 with team of Diana Kocornik & Sandra Brown & Lindsey Rodriguez

**Junior High** for grades 6—8 in Room 115 with Christy Oliver

**Senior High** for grades 9—12 in Room 112 with Russ Oliver



Sunday Evenings from 6:00—8:00 pm

At the Church In the Fellowship Hall

All kids grade 6– 12 are welcome!

Devotion, Food, Activities, Games,  
Servicer projects



11:15 am Sunday during church  
with Angel Adams, K—3rd grade



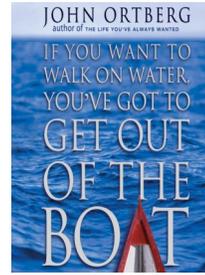
## American Baptist Women Ministries (ABWM)

**Wednesday, September 10 at noon—**

**Hostesses:** Margaret & Louise

**Program:** Margaret: Clothing Cottage, Chanda Zeiglar

**Bring a friend! All women welcome!**



Women's Bible study "*If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get out of the Boat*" - a Bible study based on Peter's walk Matthew 14:25-32. Meet at Norma Kirkalkie's home, 1321 Spring Creek,

Thursdays September 11-October 16 at 1:30 pm. Study will last one hour.

All ladies are welcome!  
Sign up with Mary Burman.

## Inspired Women~

Starting September 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm  
open to All-Women of the church!

Small devotion and chatting!

Come for some sisters in Christ fellowship

### College/ Young Adult Weekly Bible Study



Welcome to a weekly Bible Study for you! Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Hastings, next to Kmart  
For more information contact:  
Maggie Harrop at 307-760-0305



### Dorcas Circle Wednesday, September 17—

Meet in Room 112 downstairs.  
Mission Projects such as roll bandages, knit, and put together an afghan to donate!  
All women are welcome!



Men's Coffee  
Monday Mornings at 6:30 am  
at Coal Creek, 110 Grand Ave



The Backpack program provides backpacks filled with non-perishable, child-friendly and nutritious food to children who are food insecure. The backpack is discretely distributed to students before weekends and school holidays so that children who have their nutritional needs met through other programs, such as the National School Lunch Program, do not go hungry when those resources are not available. The program operates through the Feeding America network of local food banks.

The concept behind the Backpack program was developed by a school nurse and the Arizona Rice Depot, a local food bank; the nurse noticed that students were coming to her with symptoms of hunger, dizziness and stomachaches, and solicited help from the local food bank to deliver non-descript grocery bags to the hungry students.

In Laramie, about 39% of Elementary students and about 22% of Jr. High and High school students receive free or reduced lunches.

We are collecting non-perishable kid friendly food. Items include but are not limited to granola bars, raisins, apple sauce, crackers, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, soups, etc. Donation items can be placed in the blue tub outside the church office.



1st choir Practice September 14, 2014 at 12:30 pm



Come join us! Anyone who would like to learn or would like to play the bells, 1st meeting is during the choir meeting Sept. 14 at 12:30 pm.

**Camp Wyoba Campers and Staff from FBC:**

Campers

- Erica Broaddus– P
- Delanie Steeve– P
- Zane Lundblad– JH
- Dane Oliver– JH
- Harrison Steeve– JH
- Jack Lundblad– SH

Staff

- Maggie Harrop
- Pastor Jeff Lundblad
- Diana Kocornik

- Sarah Lange
- Eric Moorhouse
- Kevin Moe
- Boone Gladney

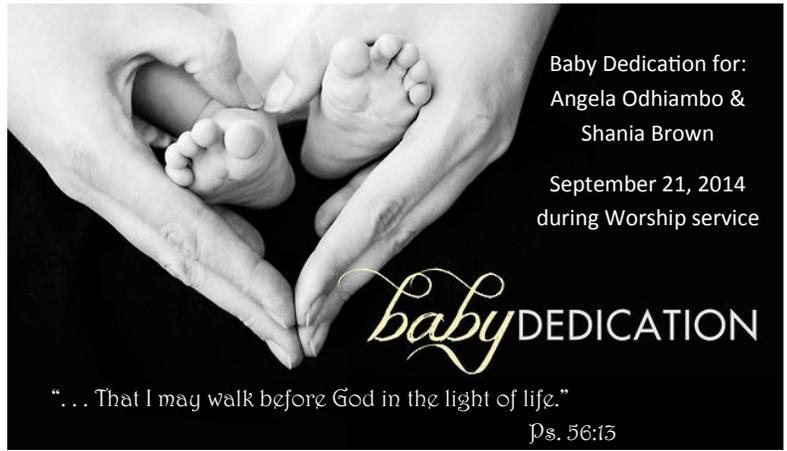
# Camp Wyoba 2014





**Prayer Vigil**  
**September 17**  
**7 am—7pm**

Pray about the beginning of school and classes, pray for teachers, pray for missionaries, pray for people with illness, pray for family and friends, pray for others and yourself!



Baby Dedication for:  
Angela Odhiambo &  
Shania Brown

September 21, 2014  
during Worship service

*Baby* DEDICATION

"... That I may walk before God in the light of life."

Ps. 56:13



# Langdon Missions

## Green Lake trip for World Mission Conference



9am - 1100 attended



Missionary children



Morning sunrise at  
Inspiration point.



On a boat ride on Green Lake  
with 1st grade teacher at CRICS.



Scott Coats, Thailand  
missionary, leading  
workshop at Green Lake.



Thailand missionaries, Fox's

## Chiang Rai Home



Front Door



A side of house. In front of  
the finish is custard apple  
tree. Its fruit taste like  
custard when ripe.



Kitchen Door



Sunrise from driveway



Front of Chiang Rai Home



## Member DIRECTORY

Photo-shoots for an updated Church Directory are coming! Please be a part of our family album! Dates for photos are **September 14, 21, 28, October 6, 13** right after worship service. Also, if you have not yet, please check your contact information. We are hoping to have the new Photo Directory out by November or December.



### FOR SALE:

Three cloth over-the-shoulder bags from Thailand @\$10 each. See Mary Burman. Jane Langdon left these 3 for someone to purchase to help the women of the Akha Tribe

who do such beautiful handwork. There are two black bags and one lavender.



As part of Blast Off Sunday, Sept. 7 we will have a Potluck luncheon following the worship service. Please bring a dish to share!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the family of Irene Buckles, Please know how much the lunch you provided was appreciated. It provided a wonderful atmosphere and opportunity to fellowship and express love for one another.

You all were mom's friends for many years and she was grateful for that enduring friendship.

Marilyn Nord & Family



## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2— Bev Kagel
- 7—Kate Harrop
- 9—Ruth Mahaffey
- 10—Carla Helm
- 11—Kenny Griffith
- 12—Dennis Tanner
- 17—Carren Odhaimbo
- 20—Bryanna Brown
- 21—Christy Oliver, Tristan Rodriguez
- 25—Dane Oliver
- 27—Joy Funke



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 28—Dave & Phyllis Dunbar
- 29—Jack & Kate Harrop

*Please let the office know if we missed your birthday or anniversary so we can add it to our list!*

### **THANK YOU TO . . .**

... Those who came and supported the Langdon's Mission Fundraiser for the Chai Rang International School, donations can still be made by indicating in the *For line* of your check: for Chai Rai Fundraiser. We have raised \$2,795.00 and still counting!

... Those who help at Church Work Day: Jeff Lundblad, Norma & John Kirkaldie, Pat & Leland Powell, Eric Moorhouse, Steeve Family (Rodger, Karen, Harrison, Delanie), Phyllis & Sam Dunbar, Diana Kocornik (Hope I didn't miss anyone!)

**NOTE:** There will be an **ALL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING** on September 28 after worship. *Please plan to attend!* **THE OFFICE NEEDS ALL PACKET INFORMATION NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 23!!!**

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**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
Sunday school for all 9:30 am  
Worship 11:00 am  
Children's Church 11:15 am  
Fellowship 12:15 pm

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## FBC Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendars

- September 1:** *Labor Day*, Office Closed
- September 7:** **Blast off Sunday!** Sunday School for all begins! Potluck for all!
- September 10:** Noon ABW Luncheon
- September 14—October 16 at 1:30 pm—** Women's Bible Study at Norma's
- September 17—** 7am—7 pm Prayer Vigil
- September 21:** Baby Dedications
- September 23:** Last day to submit October newsletter articles
- September 26-27:** **The Gathering** in Vail, CO
- September 28:** **All— Church Business Meeting** 12:15 pm after church



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